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1. AS INDICATED IN PAR 1 OF REF (A) ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
THRU NAFAG TO HAVE F-16 A/C PRODUCTION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
AS A NATO PROJECT. IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT THERE BE A FOR-
MAL NATO PRODUCTION AND LOGISTICS ORGANIZATION (NPLO) UNDER
TERMS SET FORTH IN CM-(62) 18. REFERENCE TO NPLO IN PAR 3
WAS SIMPLY TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE USAF SYSTEMS PROGRAM
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OFFICE (SPO) WILL MANAGE THE PROGRAM AND NO NATO NPLO WILL
BE INVOLVED.

2. THIS SUBJECT WAS ALSO A DISCUSSION TOPIC AT THE MULTI-

NATIONAL FIGHTER STEERING COMMITTEE HELD AT WRIGHT PATTERSON
DURING WEEK OF AUG 25-29, 1975. ALL FIVE COUNTRIES UNANI-
MOUSLY DECIDED THAT THE F-16 PROJECT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO
A NATO PROJECT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, THE US SUPPORTS THE NATO PROJECT ROUTE AS
THE MORE VIABLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE F-16 PROGRAM REQUIRE-
MENTS, AND ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN NAFAG AND CNAD AS
INDICATED IN PAR 5 OF REF (B) TO DESIGNATE THE "NATO
PROJECT".
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